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OUTLINES.

Senator Hanna thinks his election is sure; the opposition claim that they still have votes to spare and yet defeat him. ——Col. Andrews and Henry W. Miller refused to produce books and records of the Southern before the North Carolina Railroad Commissioners; both were notified to appear before the commission Thursday and show cause why they should not be attached for contempt; Munson and Potts also refused to give information about shipment of Wilson's furniture. ——Maj. Moses P. Handy died yesterday at Augusta, Ga.; his remains will be taken to Berlin, Md., for burial. ——John C. Davis, the notorious swindler, released from the insane asylum at Raleigh, will go to Washington, D. C., to engage in business there. ——The Chinese universally resent the government's concessions to Germany. ——The French cruiser Pascal sailed from Toulon to reinforce the French fleet in Chinese waters. ——Jackson Day, the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans was celebrated in Chicago by a host of Democrats from Western States; Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was the principal speaker. ——A large gathering of cotton growers at Charlotte, N. C., was addressed by Mr. A. R. Logie, one of their number, who advanced an argument and plan for the organization of all cotton farmers to pool the product. —— Secretary Sherman has issued an appeal for the relief of the destitute in Cuba. ——Marshal Chadwick, suspected of murder, was taken from jail at Colfax, Wash., and hanged by a mob. ——A flying squadron of British warships is to be formed for service in Chinese waters. ——Gen. Lee, in Havana, says he has not received any instructions from his government as to accompanying Gen. Blanco, when the latter takes the field. ——Fire at St. Louis in a tobacco warehouse caused a loss of over $400,000. ——Four colored men lynched near Reardon, Ark.: two were rapists and two murderers. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 3 per cent., last loan at 3 per cent. and closed at 3 per cent.: cotton steady—middling 5 15-16c; flour was quiet and steady; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red $1.01½; corn—spot easy; No. 2 35½c; rosin firm; strained, common to good, $1.40 @1.45; spirits turpentine firmer, at 33½@34c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 A.M., 44 deg.; 8 P.M., 65 deg.: maximum, 65 deg.; minimum, 42 deg.: mean, 54 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .00.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 4.0 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Light showers probable; colder in eastern portions; variable winds.

Port Almanac—January 9.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.06 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 54 M.
High Water at Southport	8.27 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	10.07 A. M.

Perhaps Mr. Kurtz, of Ohio, could tell "what's the matter with Hannah."

During 1897, 174,420 immigrants arrived at New York, 60,980 less than arrived in 1896.

President McKinley is achieving reputation as a pardoner of bank looters. He has made a record of twenty so far, or two a month.

A London dispatch says England does not desire the partition of China. She probably wants it all herself. England seldom divides if she can help it.

Presidents, Governors and other victims of the handshake wouldn't object if the handshake went, but suppose they had to rub noses or something of that sort?

The increase in the price of wheat has, as we anticipated, resulted in an increase of acreage. The acreage of winter wheat has increased from 23,930,000 acres to 26,630,000.

New York, which is now a pretty big town, starts out with a pretty big funded debt, footing up $227,453,529. It can add $19,000,000 more before the prohibitory line is reached.

The rustic denizen now stands a chance of seeing dramatic performances without going to the big towns to do it. A Chicago man is organizing a company to travel through the country circus fashion and perform under canvass.

Some Canadians returned from Labrador, where they went to put up saw mills, report that Labrador is as rich in gold as Klondike. But they didn't bring back any nuggets with them. They were too busy with their saw mills to grub nuggets.

A widow hunting pension attorney recently discovered a widow in Denver, who in 1860 was married to a young Dane who served in the army and died so long ago that she had almost forgotten all about him. But the attorney shook up her memory box, applied for a pension and raked in with back dues $4,500, and yanked a good fee out of it.

One of the largest, if not the largest, fruit farms in the world is in Missouri. It contains 2,280 acres, and has 100,000 peach trees, 60,000 apple trees, 2,000 pear trees and 40 acres of blackberries. The farm, with buildings, canneries, storehouses, etc., is valued at from $250,000 to $300,000.

Some of the Republican papers in Ohio are talking about the Judases and Benedict Arnolds that have put in an appearance in that State since the Senatorial racket began. Well, if there is any organization in which these individuals would feel at home it would be in the Republican party.

The Chicago *Times-Herald*, Republican, wants a bill presented in Congress embracing the points favored by the report of the monetary commission, and declares that "upon that issue we will go before the country." If they go on that issue they will go to the "demnition bow-wows."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. A. Springer—Coal.
Notice—Schedule B tax.
F. H. Stedman—Insurance.
Hall & Pearsall—Bargains.
Myers & Lewis—Novelties.
F. T. Mills—Kentcky horses.
I. B. Rhodes—Little Bo-Peep.
Meeting—Oakdale lot-owners.
J. H. Bunting—Toilet articles.
J. D. Nutt—Cough compound.
J. J. Shepard—Carpets must go.
King Grocery Co.—Start Right.
Owen F. Love & Co.—Plumbing.
W. B. Cooper—Cotton seed meal.
Vollers & Hashagen—Provisions.
J. W. Sneeden—Administr'r's notice.
Welsbach Light Co.—$100 reward.
W. E. Worth & Co.—Shining beacon.
Mercer & Evans—Merry Christmas.
Myers & Lewis—Fancy stationery.
J. W. Murchison—"Lock your barn door."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Agents.
For Sale—Poney and phaeton.
Atlantic National Bank—Notice.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. A. Westbrook, of Mount Olive, was here yesterday.

— Capt. P. L. Breeden, of Bennettsville, S. C., is in the city.

— Mr. E. W. Thompson, of Mebane, was one of yesterday's arrivals.

— Messrs. J. A. McIver and E. P. Gatling, of Jacksonville, were here yesterday.

— Mr. B. D. Townsend, of South Carolina, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. W. H. Daniels, of Mullins, was in the city interviewing our merchants yesterday.

— Mr. A. Whitely, of the Jacksonville *Times*, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

— Mr. D. D. McColl, of Bennettsville, S. C., was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

Masonic Grand Lodge.

Several Wilmington Masons will leave here to-morrow for Oxford to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, which convenes there on Tuesday. Mr. H. H. Munson will go from St. John's Lodge No. 1; W. B. McKoy from Wilmington Lodge No. 319, and Mr. M. S. Willard from Orient Lodge No. 395.

Dr. Walter C. Murphy.

A special dispatch to the STAR last night from Washington, D. C. says:

"Dr. Walter C. Murphy has been unanimously elected President of the North Carolina Society of this (Washington) city, succeeding Hon. William R. Cox, secretary of th eUnited States Senate, who declined re-election."

Schooner Sadie C. Sumner.

The schooner *Sadie C. Sumner*, Demerara to Delaware Breakwater, which put in at Southport in distress last week, will be towed to New York. The tug *E. V. McCauley*, which is to take the schooner in tow, left Norfolk at 12 o'clock Friday night and was expected to arrive at 12 o'clock last night.

Colored Man Steals a Boat.

Christopher Franks, colored, was before Justice R. H. Bunting yesterday charged with stealing a boat belonging to R. L. Fulford. The arrest was made on a warrant sworn out before Justice Jno. J. Fowler, but the case was transferred to Justice Bunting, who named Monday at 4 P. M. for the trial. The defendant gave bond for his appearance.

The Late Mrs. Fulton.

A gentleman of this city received a letter yesterday from Cardinal Gibbons, from which the following is taken: "What a noble, religious woman she was! I cannot recall my life in Wilmington without associating her in my mind with the old congregation. I regret my inability to attend the funeral."

LOCAL DOTS.

— For other new advertisements see fourth page.

— Oil barge No. 57, of the Standard Oil Company, is expected here this morning in tow of the steamer *Maverick*.

— The custom house is undergoing somewhat of an overhauling. This may be by way of preparation for the change in the management.

— The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank is called in the Directors' room for Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

— The name of "Sedgeley Hall" adopted by the club recently formed for Carolina Beach, was suggested by Mrs. Maria Fosgate, of this city.

— Cotton, yesterday, was quoted firm in Wilmington at 5 7-16; steady in Savannah at 5½; and firm in Charleston at 5½. Wilmington still heads the column.

— Statesville *Landmark:* The Wilmington STAR celebrated the New Year by putting on a new dress of type. It is much improved in appearance. Success to it."

— Mr. W. A. Strauss, who was given the contract for enclosing the County Home and yard with wire fencing, reports that the work has been completed.

— Rehearsals were commenced yesterday for "Aben Ali" under direction of Prof. Baker. "The Substitute" is also being diligently rehearsed by its castel.

— The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Charities will be held tomorrow, at 12 o'clock at the office of the Association.

— It seems from the Ohio telegrams printed in the STAR this morning that the "hot time in the old town" of Columbus will be inaugurated tomorrow night.

— The Latter Day Saints succeeded in drawing a much larger crowd last night than has heretofore greeted them. They preach at the East end of the grass plat on Market street.

— Schedule B taxes are due and payable during the first ten days of January, and Register of Deeds C. W. Norwood calls attention to the fact in the advertising columns this morning.

— Spirits turpentine on this market commands a very good price now. Quotations yesterday were, firm at 31½ cents per gallon for machine made casks and 30½ cents per gallon for country casks.

— Rev. Dr. Thomas Cogdell Wetmore, of Arden, N. C., will conduct the services at St. Paul's Episcopal church this morning. To-night at 7.30 o'clock Rev. F. L. Egbert, of Springfield, Mass., will preach.

— Note the ad. this morning concerning the Welsbach light. Mr. Charles M. Whitlock has recently completed the contract for lighting the postoffice working rooms and corridors with these excellent lights,

— The attention of our lady friends is called to the fashion plate on third page. We trust they will be pleased with this new feature of the STAR. Nothing is too good for the ladies who read the STAR, and they shall have the "best there is in the shop."

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—319 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—286 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 108 bbls rosin, 129 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—24 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 70 bbls rosin, 20 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y.V.Railroad—32 bales cotton, 24 casks spirits turpentine, 80 bbls rosin, 54 bbls tar.

Total—Cotton 661 bales; spirits turpentine, 41 casks; rosin, 258 bbls, tar 202 bbls.

Charlotte Poultry Association.

The Charlotte Poultry and Pet Stock Association has recently been organized, and will give its first exhibition commencing January 12th and continuing for three days. The exhibition will be held in the City Hall in Charlotte and will be open to the public from 8 A. M. to 11 P. M., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next. The popular manager of the "Seashore Hotel," Mr. Geo. Campbell, is president of the Association and Mr. W. M. Barringer is secretary.

Special Meeting Chamber of Commerce.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is called for Tuesday, January 11th, at 3:30 P. M. This meeting is called in accordance with a resolution introduced by Mr. Hugh MacRae at the last monthly meeting, asking that the Chamber meet and take action upon the report of the Indianapolis Monetary Commission.

Monument to Dr. Pritchard.

Charlotte *Observer:* Mr. T. L. Elliott, the marble dealer, is at work on a pretty monument for the grave of Rev. Dr. Pritchard. The shaft is being erected by Dr. Pritchard's son, Dr. W. B. Pritchard, of New York. The only inscription is this:

"Thomas Henderson Pritchard.
"Born February, 8, 1832. Died May 28, 1896."

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

LYCEUM COURSE LECTURES.

The Next Will Be on Tuesday, 18th Inst., By Hamilton W. Mabie.

The next lecture in the Lyceum Course will be on Tuesday evening, January 18th, at the Y. M. C. A. hall, by Hamilton W. Mabie. Mr. Mabie is probably the most distinguished man of letters that has lectured in Wilmington in recent years. He is the associate with Charles Dudley Warner in the editorship of the *Library of the World's Best Literature*, and his standing as a literary critic on both sides of the water is second to none. His subject here will be "Literature and Life." Inquiries have been made as to the possibility of those not members of the Lyceum securing tickets to this lecture and the remaining one of the course by George Kennan. A meeting of the directors will be held in a few days to consider the question of admitting to these lectures persons who will sign membership cards for the course of the ensuing year, charging for admission tickets 50 cents, the rates which this year's lectures have cost the members. It is expected that the membership next year will be largely increased, which will mean more lectures and consequently a smaller average cost of admission. The membership fee is $5, admitting two persons to each entertainment.

FAMILY MARKET BASKET.

Retail Prices for Fish, Flesh, Fowls--Vegetables and Fruits in Fair Supply.

The city markets do not show an extensive variety of edibles at present, and the marketer is obliged to cast about a good deal before finding exactly what is desired. Eggs could be had yesterday at 15 cents per dozen. Prices on other articles were as follows:

Vegetables—Lettuce, 2½c. per head; sweet potatoes, 15c. per peck; Irish potatoes, 25c. per peck; cabbage, 2½c. per head; collards, 2½c. per head; peas, 5c. per quart; turnips, 5c. per bunch; celery, 15 to 25c. per bunch.

Poultry—Chickens, half grown, 15 to 25c. each; grown, 25 to 35c. each.

Meats—Steak, 10 to 12½c. per pound; stew beef, 5 to 7c.; pork, 10c.; sausage. 10c.; mutton, 12½c.; veal, 12½c.

Fish—Trout, 25c. per bunch; mullets, 15c.; drum, 10 to 20c. each.

Oysters—New River, $1.00 per gallon; Myrtle Grove, 60c. per gallon.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Of Good Will Lodge No. 192, I. O. O F., Wallace, N. C.

The following officers of Good Will Lodge No. 192, I. O. O. F., of Wallace, were installed at that place Friday night by District Deputy Grand Master J. T. King, who went up to Wallace Friday and returned yesterday. The officers installed were:

S. P. G.—W. F. Murphy.
N. G.—W. M. Carr.
V. G.—D. E. Boney.
Secretary—L. Southerland.
Treasurer—H. F. Boney.
Warden—C. B. Johnson.
Conductor—Dr. B. R. Graham.
R. S. to N. G.—C. G. Sontherland.
L. S. to N. G.—Geo. W. Carter.
R. S. to V. G.—J. L. Boney.
L. S. to V. G.—J. W. New.
I. G.—J. B. Carr.
O. G.—H. A. Forlaw.
R. S. S.—T. Q. Hall.
L. S. S.—M. B. Pope.
Chaplain—J. W. Nobles.

PENDER COUNTY NEWS.

Wilmingtonians at Viola----Gunning----A Pretty Wedding.

VIOLA, N. C., January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Vollers and Miss Pattie Zibelin, of Wilmington, who have been here for several days, have returned home. While here they were the guests of Messrs. J. A. and C. H. Zibelin.

Messrs. Vollers aud Zibelin had a five-days hunt in which they bagged an average of five dozen birds and one dozen squirrels per day, besides bringing down a large buck.

A pretty wedding was witnessed at White Hall recently, when Mrs. Katie Allen was married to Mr. Lee Smith.

Capt. J. J. Zibelin celebrated his 73rd birthday on Christmas day, and had as his guests Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Vollers, and Miss Zibelin, of Wilmington.

School Entertainment.

The STAR learns of a pleasant entertainment given last night at North East Academy by the pupils of Miss Florence L. Bonitz. The "Marriage of Mother Goose" was shown with pleasing effect, Master Willie Fort as the "Man in the Moon," Miss Nellie Bordeaux as "Mother Goose," and Master Grover Bordeaux as "Santa Claus." The audience was quite large and all were delighted at the way Miss Bonitz had trained the children for the entertainment. After the play had ended there was a dance that was much enjoyed.

Deaths and Births for the Week.

The records of Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, for the week show 11 deaths, 9 colored and 2 white. Causes of death: Unknown, 2; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; cancer, 1; inanition, 2; consumption, 1; old age, 1; typhoid fever, 1; intermittent fever, 1; smothered, 1. There were during the week 15 births, 3 white and 12 colored.

Cape Fear Club.

At the annual election of the Cape Fear Club, held last night, at their building the following officers were elected, viz: H. M. Emerson, President; Governing Committee, Geo. Rountree, P. L. Bridgers. The other officers will be appointed by the Governing Committee at their first meeting.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Chief Melton and Police Officers Charged With Assault and Battery Acquitted.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

A Special Term of Court to Convene Tomorrow---Giles Anderson, a Watchman, to Be Tried for a Murder Committed Last October.

The Criminal Court convened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning pursuant to adjournment. Cases against Chief of Police J. R. Melton and Officers C. O. Knox, Rowan Green and Frank Toomer for assault and battery on Deputy Sheriff William Guion in ejecting him from the enclosure in the City Court room not long since were taken up, Marsden Bellamy, Esq., appearing for the defendants and Herbert McClammy, Esq., and C. P. Lockey, Esq., conducting the prosecution. Defendants were declared not guilty.

The next case was that against Sam Levingston for secret assault upon one Bland near Levingston's home, Thirteenth and Market streets, on the night of December 31. Bland's testimony was to the effect that he walked home with Levingston's wife on the night mentioned, and when he had gotten about fifteen steps from the gate Levingston opened fire on him; shot at him four times and then beat him over the head with the pistol. Levingston's story is that Bland opened fire on him and didn't cease firing until he, Levingston, knocked him down. Witnesses introduced to prove the character of both Bland and Levingston swore to the good charcter of both. W. E. Henderson, Esq., the colored lawyer, appeared for the defendant and C. P. Lockey, Esq., for the State. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty. As there are certain facts in the case, ascertained privately, affecting the nature of Bland's relations with Levingston's wife, judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The grand jury, D. L. Gore, foreman, handed in their report and were discharged for the term. It was lengthy and comprehensive, based upon a careful inspection of the court house, jail and home for the aged and infirm. The court house was in a satisfactory condition, the report stated, but for some slight repairs needed, and the dirty and filthy condition of the windows and gas fixtures. Repairs in the jail and improvements in the yard of both the jail and court house were suggested and recommended. A compulsory bath room in the jail to accommodate six persons at once, was named in the report as being necessary for health and cleanliness. The report reviewed at length the condition of the Home including the prison building, insane building, colored inmate department, ward for white female inmates, and the hospital building. In the main the condition of all these was described by the report as being good, such improvements as were needed being suggested. An inspection had also been made of the city hospital, showing that there are 7 white charity patients, 4 male and 3 female, and 10 colored charity patients, 7 male and 3 female; 6 white pay patients, 1 male and 5 female, and one female pay patient in the white charity ward.

The report showed that the grand jury had returned 57 "true bills" and 10 "not true bills."

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT.

The special term of the court will convene Monday at 10 o'clock. The case that promises to be of the greatest interest is that against Giles Anderson for the murder of a fireman from a tramp steamer on the morning of October 31st, 1897. The defence will be conducted by C. P. Lockey, Esq., and John H. Gore, Jr., Esq.

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Fatal Accident to Mr. Robert Pigford, a Venerable Citizen of Pender County.

Mr. Robert Pigford, a highly respected citizen of Pender county, while walking in front of a team hauling wood to his residence at Long Creek, last Wednesday, accidentally fell in the roadway, and the wheels of the loaded wagon passed over his body, causing injuries from which he died next day. Mr. Pigford was 83 years of age, and for the past fifty years a member of the Baptist Church. He leaves a widow,—sister of Mr. R. M. Croom, of Pender county—two daughters and three sons. The funeral of the deceased took place last Friday and the remains were interred in the family burying ground near Long Creek.

Fire at Col. T. W. Strange's Residence.

Yesterday morning at four o'clock, Col. T. W. Strange, whose residence is on Fourth between Ann and Nun streets, was awakened and found the house filled with smoke, which upon investigation was discovered to be caused by a fire in a front room on the first floor. The fire was put out by Col. Strange, after about half an hour's hard work, with buckets of water, and no alarm was sent in. The building and the furniture in the room were damaged to the amount of about $200. The origin of the fire is unknown; but it is supposed to have been caused by mice taking matches into the walls of the house.

— Mr. Frank B. Rhodes, the "Merrymakers" manager, was out yesterday, and is is recovering rapidly from the effects of his fall.

STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

Additions to Plant That Insure Reliable Service and Provide Additional Lighting Facilities.

The additions to the plant of the Street Railway Company which were promised the public by January 1st will miss that date by about twenty days, owing to the encountering of unexpected difficulties in securing suitable foundations for the boilers and engine. The latter are now in place, and those living in that vicinity will soon see a suitable mate for the stack which has so long reared itself some hundred feet in the air. The men about the plant have already dubbed them the "Heavenly Twins." The boilers are 72 inches in diameter and sixteen feet long and the pair will increase the present capacity 150 per cent. They were made by Farrar Trefts, of Buffalo.

The engine is of 150 horse power, made by the Ball Engine Co., of Erie, Pa., and is almost a duplicate of those now in use.

The STAR is informed that these additions will give the Company enough reserve power to ensure an absolutely reliable service and to provide for additional lighting dynamoes.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS,

Otis Skinner and Primrose and West Coming This Month.

With a view of securing better attractions at the Opera House, the management announces that very few attractions will be booked for the balance of the season, and for this month but two will be offered. On the 18th Mr. Otis Skinner, one of the greatest actors on the American stage, will be the attraction. Mr. Skinner will be remembered as *Shylock* to Modjeska's *Portia*. He comes this season in a magnificent production of his new piece, "Prince Rudolph." This will be one of the gems of the season and is to be a special society event.

On the 21st, Primrose and West, who stand at the head of minstrelsy in this country, will be the attraction. The announcement that Milt. G. Barlow, George Wilson and Carroll Johnson are with them is sufficient guarantee as to excellence, to say nothing of their other half hundred stars.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. James, First Sunday after Epiphany. 7.45 A. M., the Holy Communion; 11 A. M. the Morning Prayer, Sermon, Ante-Communion. 5 P. M. the Evening Prayer. Sunday School at 3.45 P. M. Public cordially invited.

There will be service at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner Sixth and Market streets, by Rev. August Burgdorf. English services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

Services at St. John's Church today the first Sunday after Epiphany at 7:45 and 11 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M.

Services in the reading room of the Seaman's Home at 3 o'clock to-day. All marine men most cordially invited.

COLORED CHURCHES.

Rev. N. Marriett, of Norwich, Conn., will preach to-day at Ebenezer Baptist Church to-day at 11, and 3 and 7.30 P. M. Baptism, foot of Queen street, 12.46.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Farewell Performance of the Merrymakers.

The Merrymakers, very much to the regret of those who attended the series of performances given by them this week, closed their engagement at the Opera House last night, presenting "The Heart of Cuba," depicting in this piece the mode of living and the hardships endured by the Cubans, with Mr. Holmes and Miss Radcliffe in the title roles. At the matinee they presented the old and original "Humpty Dumpty" to a packed house.

This company is a strong one and Wilmington theatre-goers wish them success and will always be glad to welcome them back.

Changes in the C. F. & Y. V. Office.

Mr. R. H. Cowan, who has been for five years in the service of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad, gives up his position as receiving clerk to take a place with Mr. Jas. C. Morrison in the brokerage business.

Mr. Cowan is one of the most popular young men in Wilmington and he has the STAR'S best wishes for success his new field.

Mr. George James, another popular young man, takes Mr. Cowan's place, and his own, that of billing clerk, will be filled by Mr. R. E. Patterson, of Climax. The changes all go into effect after the 10th.

Suicide at Florence, S. C.

Florence *Times:* "Last night about 10 o'clock Andrew J. Welch shot and killed himself in the Palace drug store. The weapon used was a 38-calibre pistol, and the wound inflicted was in the upper part of the stomach. After the deed was done Mr. Welch lived about an hour. He suffered intensely and death came as a relief."

[Welch had been detected in taking a letter from the postoffice out of another's box. He was followed by the postmaster and words ensued. Both men drew pistols, but the wound from which Welch died was from his own weapon.]

A Runaway Accident.

Henry Moore, a colored drayman, suffered slight injuries in a run-away yesterday afternoon. His horse broke into a run on Fourth and Campbell streets and did not bring up until he reached Second and Market streets. On the way he dropped the drayman, broke both shafts of the dray by colliding with a tree, and ran over a telegraph boy, not to speak of several cuts and skins the horse received himself.

NO PUNISHMENT FOR JNO. C. DAVIS.

The Notorious Swindler Released from the Insane Asylum---Cases Against Him Not Prossed.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., January 8.—Jno. C. Davis was discharged from the Insane Asylum to-day, after being notified that criminal action had been nol prossed in Wilmington.

Davis leaves for Washington, D. C., Tuesday next, where he will engage in business.

[Solicitor M. C. Richardson, seen last night, states that he has directed the prosecution to be deferred as long as Davis remains out of Wilmington. —STAR.]

KINSTON NEWS NOTES.

Building and Other Improvements---Large Cotton Factory---Handsome Brick Church---Business Failure.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

KINSTON, N. C., January 7.

Your correspondent is glad to note the steady growth and general improvement of Kinston. A large cotton factory will be built soon. The large knitting mill built here a few years ago is still in successful operation and is paying handsome dividends. The town has two large tobacco warehouses and large quantities of fine leaf have been handled here this season.

The Baptist people of the town have a very large, handsome brick church in course of erection. When completed it will be one of the nicest church edifices in this section of the State. Several beautiful residences are also being erected.

The failure of Mrs. P. L. Dawson was announced last evening; assets $2,500; liabilities $3,000. Dr. H. O. Hyatt is the asignee.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Winter Schedule Between New York and Florida Begins To-morrow.

News and Courier: "The Atlantic Coast Line announces that on Monday, January 10th, the regular Winter schedule, with through sleepers, will be put on that road from New York to Charleston and Jacksonville. This train makes splendid time between the frigid North and the balmy Southland, and is one of the most popular of the Southland. The first through Pullman of the season of the Atlantic Coast Line will be on train No. 35, leaving New York early in the day and arriving here about eighteen to twenty hours later. The train will also carry the sleeper back to New York, passing Charleston at 5.17 P. M. The service is the finest in the South, and the schedule will be remarkably quick."

THE GOOD OLD MORNING STAR.

Wants It to Shine Until Gabrel Toots His Horn.

[*Rockingham Rocket.*]

On New Year's morning that good, old and staid MORNING STAR, of Wilmington, greeted its numerous readers with a brand new dress, from head to foot, and presented a handsome appearance. The STAR is the oldest daily in the State, and from its foundation up to the present has been under one management. It has ever been on the side of right, and true to the interest of its city, State and county. Success to you, Brother Bernard, and may the light of the MORNING STAR continue to shine brilliantly, as it has in the past, until old Gabriel toots his horn.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Administrator's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased, late of New Hanover county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of January, 1899, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
January 8, 1898.
JAMES W. SNEEDEN, Administrator, with the Will annexed.
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Lot Owner's Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOT owners of Oakdale Cemetery will be held at the Company's office, 114 Princess street, Monday evening, January 10th, at 8 o'clock.
RICHARD J. JONES, Secretary and Treasurer.
jan 8 2t

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WE WILL PAY THE ABOVE AMOUNT for the arrest and conviction of any person representing or selling Incandescent Burners as genuine WELSBACH that do not bear the trade mark of the Company. All genuine lights have stamped on brass work,

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Please settle promptly and save costs.
CHARLES W. NORWOOD,
jan 9 1t Register of Deeds.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Our Year's work has been hard; but the results are very gratifying. We sincerely thank our friends and the general public for their liberal patronage,

AND

Earnestly soliciting a continuation and increase of same, we wish you all the joy, happiness and pleasure the season brings; also,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS.
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BEFORE YOUR HORSE IS STOLEN. DON'T wait till it is too late, but get your lock, hinges and fittings in good order, at a reasonable expense, by purchasing them from J. W. MURCHISON, who always keeps a large assortment of all kinds of STABLE HARDWARE, HINGES, LOCKS, SHOVELS, SPADES, HAY KNIVES, CUTTING MACHINES, PITCHFORKS, etc.

See our PENINSULAR STEEL RANGE,

the best on earth. A full line of Cooking and Heating Stoves always on hand.
Our line of AGATE WARE is the largest and most varied in the city.
Give us a call and we will please you.
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We Have Been Making TAR, HONEY AND RUM COMPOUND

For several years, and have yet to learn of a single instance where it did not do all that was claimed for it. No opium, no morphine.

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LITTLE BO-PEEP HAS LOST HER SHEEP,

and so have many farmers who have been fattening them for the market. She might find some of her choicest ones in our stock. We are receiving every day the finest meats that ever trotted on a hoof, and we will cut and prepare them for your table in an artistic manner, and sell them at lowest market prices.
I. B. RHODES.
jan 6 tf Front Street Market.

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New Year's Resolutions

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Wholesale and Retail Druggist,
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 9, 1898

TRADITIONAL STONES VS. BREAD

We published some time ago a letter from Mr. Wm. A. Courtenay, of South Carolina, to the New York *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin* on State banks, in which he argued in favor of State banks and spoke of the fine system they had in his State up to 1861. The *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin* of Thursday contains the following from the same gentleman:

"In my humble opinion there is more sense in these dozen printed lines from *The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin*, than in a dozen columns of customary reading on financial topics:

"'The South insists on the right of State banks to issue notes upon the terms granted to National banks, and with that most of the Southern support of free silver and fit money would fall off. It is a question for sound money men to consider whether it would not be better to make friends with the State banks than to leave the Western and Southern agitations, which are not unknown in the East, for a cheaper unit and for more currency to work in collusion.'

"The real truth is, the South has a gold crop of $250,000,000 or $300,000,000 a year, and is normally for sound money, but the monopoly of currency issues, vested in National banks with high priced bonds, restricted circulation, and heavy taxation, compels a scarcity of currency, and bottles up the South financially. Give this and other needy sections the opportunity to use State bank issues, on the valid credits the South undoubtedly possesses, and 'Southern support of free silver and fiat money would fall off.' It is said drowning men catch at straws. Give Dixie a chance; when asking for bread, don't present the traditional stone."

We publiished some extracts from the editorial to which Mr. Courtenay refers, which was upon the resolutions adopted by the Bankers' Convention held in Atlanta last month, which declared for State banks, but made the mistake of favoring supervision by the United States. We commented upon that article which was in line with the position taken by the STAR four years ago when State banks attracted very little attention and were the subject of very little discussion in the papers.

The Democratic party in its platform of 1892 declared in favor of the repeal of the bank tax, and subsequently a bill was introduced in Congress to repeal the tax and thus clear the way for the establishment of State banks, but it was choked in the House Committee on Finances, of which Hon. Wm. A. Springer, of Illinois, was chairman, because it conflicted with a bill which he had prepared, which provided for the repeal of the bank tax and also for a system of banks, which was simply an enlargement of the scope of the national banks, the main features being the same and the notes to be issued being national, not State notes, but to all intents and purposes the same as the national banks notes, good in any part of the country. This bill also provided for Government supervision, similar to that of the national banks. Mr. Springer was too much absorbed in helping to repeal the purchase clause of the Sherman act to give much attention to his bank bill, and after the repeal of that clause was effected he probably lost interest in it and put it in his pocket and carried it home with him, for it never, as well as we remember, figured in the proceedings in Congress. Mr. Springer was left at home the following election, as he should have been, and his bill never came back, nor has there been anything on that line since.

That isn't the kind of bank law Mr. Courtenay wants, nor the kind the South wants. His head is level, on the State bank question, and in the view he takes of his extract from the paper he writes to. He is right, too, when he says the people of the South are normally for "sound money" because the people of the South have always regarded both gold and silver as sound money, and what they object to now is drawing the line against part of this "sound" money and discriminating against it in favor of the other part. He is right, too, in asserting that an abundance of money in the South would solve that question and give a long rest to financial agitation, which would have little in it to interest or excite the average man who had all the money he needed to meet the demands upon him and his business. Every one with two grains of sense knows that the South is not so solid on the money question just for the excitement there is in it and every one with two grains of sense knows that if the South and the West had a sufficiency of currency to answer their purposes the financial question in the free silver shape or in any other shape would never have reached the status of a leading issue between parties. We would be fighting over the tariff and other issues yet, with the Republican party outside of the breastworks and trying to get in.

If the question of the free coinage of silver come up the South would favor it as a matter of right and of good policy, and as a matter of principle, because the silver dollar had always stood upon the same legal plane with gold until the Republicans, obeying the dictation of gold hoarders and bond holders at home and abroad, made war upon it and degraded it; but the same motive for aggressive action on that line would not exist to make it a cardinal issue in party contests. But there is one thing just as sure as that the sun will continue to shine, the rain to fall, the grass to grow and the rivers to run to the seas, and that is that the financial agitation and the demand for free silver will be kept up until the people have free silver or those sections which are deficient in currency have the right restored to them of establishing their own banks under their own laws and thus supplying the currency they need. If the gold men who are talking about the necessity of currency reform, but have not yet condescended to recognize the State banks in any plan they have suggested, would take off their yellow glasses long enough to let the sunlight bathe their eyes, and would give some attention to the State banks, there might be some hope of their accomplishing something in the way of currency reform, and they might be instrumental in solving this problem and in allaying the agitation which they seem to regard as so harmful and possibly disastrous.

MINOR MENTION.

There are some amusing features in the N. C. railroad lease fight, with the Governor and his friends on one side and the Southern and its friends on the other. It is a sort of a cat and mouse business, but it isn't yet settled which is the cat and which the mouse. If there be any trick in the law that hasn't yet been discovered and resorted to by one side or the other, it is pretty safe to say that it will be, for ingenious and able counsel are employed on both sides. A couple days ago Governor Russell's commissioners were cited to appear at Washington and show cause why they shouldn't be disciplined for contempt of court for ignoring that supersedeas and breaking into and taking possession of the office in the absence of the two bounced commissioners. If they can put them in jail, or force them to recog the supersedeas, then the old board will continue in business until the courts finally decide which are the commissioners. In the meantime the new commissioners are hustling and trying to find out all they can, and seem particularly anxious to find out something about the passes issued by the Southern Railroad, and whether it gave Otho Wilson any reduced rates on his mother's furniture which was shipped to the leased hotel, and the consequence is that there is a hustling and a hiding by some of the officials and R. R. employes who have charge of the books and are wanted. In the meantime if the other side get in the hold up they are playing for in the U. S. court, the new commissioners may get a forced vacation and then we may not find out about that furniture.

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Prof. Booker T. Washington, principal of Tuskegee, Ala., Colored Institute, is one of the biggest brained colored men living, and is doing more to lead his race in the right direction than any other colored man in this country. He speaks and writes much, and always speaks and writes sensibly and to the point. The following we find in the Jacksonville, Fla., *Times-Citizen*, taken from a lecture delivered in the Opera House in that city:

"Under God, as bad as slavery was, it prepared the way for the solving of this problem by this method: For 250 years slavery taught the Southern white man to do business with the negro. If a Southern white man wanted a house built he consulted a negro mechanic about the building of that house; if he wanted a suit of clothes made, he consulted a negro tailor. And thus, in a limited sense, every large slave plantation in the South during slavery was, in a measure, an industrial school. On these plantations we had thousands of young men being taught farming, others blacksmithing, others carpentry, others wheelwrighting, brickmasonry, etc. It is safe to say that we had during slavery more young men learning trades in a single county in the South than we have in the whole city of Jacksonville to-day. I should be the last to apologize for the curse of slavery. I am not doing that. I am simply stating facts. This business contact and this training in the matter of skilled labor on these plantations left us at the close of the war in possession of all the common and skilled labor in the South, but the great problem that is pressing upon us more and more as a race is, can we still hold on to this legacy in the matter of skilled labor that was purchased by our forefathers at the price of 250 years in slavery? We cannot hold our own in the industrial and mechanical world unless we do two things: First, we must put brains and skill into the common occupations that are about our doors; and in the second place, we must dignify and ennoble common labor."

If the negroes in the South would quit thinking so much about politics and listening to selfish mercenary demagogues white and black, and follow the advice that this level headed counsellor gives them there would be a vast improvement in the condition of the race, and their relations with the white race be vastly improved.

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Senator Teller, of Colorado, got in a solid chunk of truth in his speech in the Senate Friday when he said, "It is perfectly plain that to-day the Republican party is the party of the gold standard, and it is equally plain that there is no distinction between the sentiments of the President and the Secretary of the Treasury upon the question." The only difference between them is that the President is more of a politician than his Secretary and keeping his eye on the party fears to speak candidly and honestly and therefore plays double. The Secretary of the Treasury, being no politican, and being more interested in the banks with which he is identified than in the party speaks plainly without any regard to the effect his declarations may have on the party. If the President didn't agree with Secretary Gage would he retain in the Cabinet a man for whose views his administration is responsible, and would he, when Secretary Gage expressed his willingness to resign, decline to accept his resignation? The President either agrees with Secretary Gage in his views or he is playing double while pretending to be laboring to secure international agreement, and is by this course trying to hold in with the bimetallists, while his Secretary holds in with the gold standard people.

Adulterating stuff that mortals eat and drink has become a fine art in this country. The chief of the health bureau in Connecticut reports that out of 795 articles in common use sampled by him, 247 were adulterated. He found for instance some sugar with a little sand in it, and some sand with a little sugar. Codfish was one of the things that he didn't find adulterated, but it is pretty hard to find anything to counterfeit codfish. That generally speaks for itself.

A Republican organ rises to remark that "Senator Teller proposes that United States bonds be paid in silver." Senator Teller doesn't propose anything of the kind. He simply proposes that the United States assert the right to pay the bonds in silver, which is merely a reassertion of the declaration of 1878, which is still unrepealed.

Mr. Hackenleiter, who is in jail in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a charge of having attempted to hack another fellow to death, had the good luck to fall heir to an estate in Austria, and thereupon he was immediately given more comfortable quarters. That was a lucky fall for him, and it also shows that the jail custodians in that town have considerable regard for heirs.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— By worrying over the lower strata of society Bishop Potter manages to overlook many unpleasant happenings in what is termed the upper circles.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— Nothing but pulperfect assinity can unhorse the Democratic party in New York now. But in 1898 and in 1900 she may be safely counted in the Democratic column.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— The gross earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the year 1897 were nearly $3,500,000 ahead of those for 1896. It is one of the miseries of an unsubstantial boundary line that some of the prosperity will get away and slop over into the enemy's country.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— There is something ridiculous in the report from Madrid that, while preparations are being made to send fresh troops to Cuba, the war in that island is ignored, and the insurgents treated as of no importance. Why, then, this additional drain on the already exhausted resources of the mother country? Why, are the new levies to be sent to Cuba? Are they merely to fight smallpox and yellow fever, which have slain so many of their predecessors?—*Philadelphia Ledger Dem.*

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remdy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c per bottle. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Wadesboro *Messenger-Intelligence:* Mrs. Jno. F. Hamer, wife of a prominent planter near Rockingham, died suddenly a few days ago.

— Columbus *News:* Mr. Jeff Ward died at his home in Bogue township last Sunday night, from a relapse from a case of typhoid fever. He was about forty-five years of age.

— Jonesboro *Progress:* Dr. John Shaw died at Carthage Monday night of paralysis. He had been suffering for some time. He was upwards of seventy years of age.

— Murfreesboro *Index:* Mr. Abraham Stephenson, aged about 21 years, died on Thursday, Dec. 23d, of consumption, at the residence of his father, Capt. Stephenson, near Boykins.

— Raleigh *Press Visitor:* One of curiosities in the State prison is a negress who calls herself Queen of Sheba and devotes her entire time to cursing. She is in the department for the female criminal insane. She has a group of subjects always near her who yield implicit obedience to her will.

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth:* On Monday night, January 3rd, Mrs. Penelope, wife of Mr. W. K. White, died at her home a few miles in the country, after a lingering illness of considerable time. ——Mr. J. Whit Bell killed, about the beginning of the holidays, a hog that weighed 527 pounds.

— Monroe *Enquirer:* Mr. Hampton Horne, who took chloroform with suicidal intent one day last week, died Thursday night. He leaves a wife and several children, the youngest child but a few days old. The remains were taken to White's Store, Anson county, for burial. —— Work on the artesian well goes on day and night. The well is now about 250 feet deep, and the drill is still cutting through the hardest of blue rock.

— Charlotte *Observer:* Mr. John Moore Rea lives in Sharon. Friday morning his daughter, Miss Maud, was in the front yard. where she was attacked by a mad dog, her arm badly lacerated and her clothing torn off her. Her screams brought assistance, and the dog was summarily dealt with, but the injury was done. She was brought to town at once and Dr. O'Donoghue applied the mad stone to the arm. It adhered for some minutes.

— Winston *Sentinel:* Particulars were received here last night of a brutal murder which occurred in Wilkes county several days ago. It appears that Bill Morgan and John Waters, Jr., became intoxicated on "singlings." They stopped at the home of a man named Rich Wellbourn. When they went to leave Morgan drew his knife and disemboweled Waters. The wounded man only lived a few hours. Morgan was arrested, given a preliminary trial and bound over to the next term of court, when he will be tried for murder.

— Rocky Mount *Argonaut:* Mr. W. J. Cary, who lived in Nash county, several miles from town, was found dead near the residence of J. H. Hunter, Esq., at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday night, the 29th ultimo. The body was lying near the roadside and a roadcart and horse belonging to the deceased was standing near by. After viewing the remains the coroner decided it was a case of heart failure, the unfortunate man being stricken by death while riding home.——Four colored people braved the icy waters of the Tar river on Christmas day. They were recent converts, and willing to stand the cold bath to show that lukewarmness was not in their articles of faith.

TWINKLINGS.

— Had Squared Up: "Sir, there are certain duties we all owe to our country."

"I don't. They soaked me for $14 on three suits of English clothes, and I paid it sir, I paid it.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Not So Badly Off: "Poor Timmie! Foive years in Sing Sing. I do feel shorry for him."

"Bedad, an' yure shympathy's trowed away. He's surrounded by friends."—*Harlem Life.*

— Willie—"Mamma, can people leave parts of themselves in different places.?"

"No; don't be ridiculous."

"Well, Uncle Tom said he was going to South Africa for his lungs."—*Tid-Bits.*

— His Wife.—"And you are to defend that shoplifter."

The Lawyer—"My dear, she isn't a shoplifter. She was formerly, but she has saved so much money in the last ten years that she has be a kleptomaniac.—*Boston Traveller.*

— Judge—"Witness, you are forty years of age?"

Female Witness—"Yes, alas! One gets older every day. And yet I was younger once (heaving a sigh). Ah, your lordshipwould hardly believe how young I was.—*Tid-Bits.*

— "All is over between us," said the young man who had found a richer girl and was trying to take leave of his old love.

"You are mistaken," replied she. "My breach-of-promise suit has not yet begun."

He postponed the transfer of his affections.

— A Vindication: "Have you anything to say?" asked the sheriff, as he strapped the murderer in the electric chair.

"I just want to point out what fools those people were who said I was born to be hanged," replied the criminal, with a smile of triumph.—*Philadelphia North American.*

— Among the Reasons: "You enjoy coaching, do you. I never could see where the fun comes in. One looks so like a darned fool, sitting up on a three-story coach and cavorting over the highway to the tooting of a horn." I know it, but it isn't every darned fool that can afford it."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Easily Explained: Why is it," asked the inquisitive man, "that coroners do not hold an inquest over the body of every person who dies?" It is only necessary," replied his observant friend, "when a person is accidently killed, or dies suddenly without medical advice. When a person dies after being attended by a physician, then every body knows why he died and there is no need of an inquest."—

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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WAITING.

JOHN BURROUGHS.

Serene I hold my hands and wait,
Nor care for wind, nor tide, nor sea;
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,
For, lo! my own shall come to me.

I stay my haste, I make delays,
For what avails this eager pace?
I stand amid the eternal ways,
And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day,
The friends I seek are seeking me;
No wind can drive my bark astray,
Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone?
I wait with joy the coming years;
My heart shall reap where it has sown,
And garner up its fruit of tears.

The waters know their own and draw
The brook that springs in yonder heights;
So flows the good with equal law
Unto the soul of pure delights.

The stars come nightly to the sky,
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,
Can keep my own away from me.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— God writes his precious promises upon sorrow's blackboard.

— Truth is violated by falsehood, and it may be equally outraged by silence.

— "Love held the hand that held the hammer that drove the nail into Christ."—*Montgomery.*

— During the pilgrimage everything does not suit the tastes of the pilgrim.—*Turkish Proverb.*

— The great man is he, who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of his character.

— Nothing pays smaller dividends in spiritual results than making a speciality of discovering the short-comings of other people.

— An humble man is a joyous man. There is no worship where there is no joy. For worship is something more than the fear of God or the love of Him. It is a delight in Him.—*F. W. Faber.*

— Whatever be your talents, whatever be your prospects, never speculate away on the chance of a palace that which you may need as a provision against the workhouse.—*Bulwer.*

— Take care how you listen to the voice of the flatterer, who, in return for this little stock expects to derive from you considerable advantage. If one day you do not comply with his wishes, he imputes to you two hundred defects instead of perfections.

— Christianity wants nothing so much in the world as sunny people, and the old are hungrier for love than for bread, and the oil of joy is very cheap, and if you can help the poor on with a garment of praise, it will be better far than blankets.—*Professor Drummond.*

— Pure and undefiled religion is always recognized at sight. It does not require any argument to convince a man who can see that the sun shines; neither do those who really have the righteousness of Christ imparted unto them have to carry banners and trumpets to advertise their religion. It shows itself.

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NOTICE!

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE SUPERior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Maunder, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier at al. are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock M., on Monday the 16th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House Door in the county of New Hanover aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 50 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 180 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 50 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 427, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT O. BURRELL, Commissioner.
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Japanese Journalism.

"Japanese journalism," says a missionary's wife, "is a singular profession in many of its features. There is practically no such thing as freedom of the press in Japan. Whenever a newspaper publishes something unfriendly to the government it is suppressed and the editor is sent to prison. The real editor is never imprisoned, though. Every newspaper has what the Japanese call a 'dummy editor,' and it is his sole duty to go to jail every time the paper is suppressed for offending the mikado. Then the real editor changes the name of the paper and keeps on publishing it. Dummy editors spend most of their time in prison."

Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¼
Standard		@	7¼
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@	5¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	20
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	15	@	16
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8¼
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store		@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Shipstuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Seasoned Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	13	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	19	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 50	@	9 75
Rump		@	8 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American	42	@	60
On 195 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¾
White Extra C		@	5¼
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4¼
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M. W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	5 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	5 00	@	6 50
" Sap	3 00	@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHEELBARROWS ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 31¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 30¼ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, $1.90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine dull, 25¼@25½c; rnsin firm, $1.40, $1.45; tar steady, $1.00; crude turpentine firm, $1.40, $1.90, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	41
Rosin	258
Tar	203
Crud Turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year.—48 casks spirits turpentine, 220 bbls rosin, 127 bbls tar, 22 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5 7-16c. per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3	cts.	℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4 6-16	"	"
Low Middling	5	"	"
Middling	5 7-16	"	"
Good Middling	5 11-16	"	"

Same day last year, middling 6¼c.

Receipts—661 bales; same day last year, 628.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50d. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to $5.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at 8.00 to $8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 8.—Money on call was steady at 3 per cent., last loan at 3 per cent. and closed at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.85½ for demand and 4.82½ for sixty days. Posted rates 4.83½@4.84. Commercial bills at 4.82½. Silver certificates 57½@58. Bar silver 57. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds firm; U. S. new 4's, registered, 129; U. S. new 4's, coupon, 129; U. S. 4's 112¾; U. S. 4's, coupon, 113¼; U. S. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 114¼; U. S. 5's, coupon, 114¼. State bonds quiet; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 103½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 8.—Rosin firm; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine firmer, at 33½@34c.

CHARLESTON, January 8.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c; no sales. Rosin firm; quotations unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 8.—Spirits turpentine opened firm at 31c bid, and closed firm at 31½c bid; sales —bales; receipts 294 bales. Rosin firm; sales 2,043 bales; receipts 4,680 barrels; quotations: A, B, C, D $1 20, E 1 25, F 1 30, G 1 40, H 1 70, I 1 80, K 1 90; M 2 00, N ——, W G, 2 40, W W 2 75.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 8.—The cotton market opened steady, with prices unchanged to one point lower, ruled quiet with scarcely a hair's breadth variation, and at 11 o'clock was dull at one point net decline. Sales to that hour 13,000 bales. It was a local market entirely. There was nothing in English news to stimulate ventures on either side of the account, futures at Liverpool being steady but without important change in prices, while spot cotton at that point was slow and featureless. Port receipts estimated for the day at 38,000 bales, against 41,417 last week and 20,134 last year. Port receipts estimated for the week at 250,000 bales, against 293,000 last week and 147,147 last year.

NEW YORK, January 8.—Cotton steady; middling 5 15-16c.

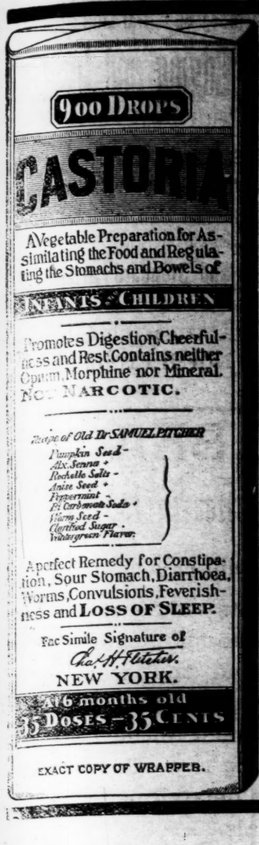
Futures opened quiet and steady and closed quiet and steady; sales 28,700 bales; January 5.79c., February 5.81c., March 5.84c., April 5.88c., May 5.92c., June 5.96c., July 6.00c., August 6.04c., September 6.03c., October 6.05c.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 5 15-16c.; middling gulf 6 3-16c; sales 35 bales.

Net receipts 1,948 bales; gross 4,422 bales; sales to spinners 35 bales; stock 126,008 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 40,563 bales; exports to Great Britain 41,047 bales; to France 10,245 bales; to the Continent 15,508 bales; stock 1,219,635 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 5,481,388 bales; exports to Great Brit



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Children and Music.

Some people are under the impression that the earlier a child begins to learn music—say, at 4 or 5 years of age—the better. It is true the practice of an instrument must be begun early, when all the muscles of the hands and arms are loose and flexible. But the bones must also have attained a certain strength, and the brain should likewise be developed to a certain extent. I would recommend that no child be forced to play before it has reached its eighth year, while I would fix the twelfth as the very latest period.

When a child is 8 years of age, it has probably had two years of schooling, and its little brain has become accustomed to some sort of concentration and attention. Methodical instruction on the piano or violin may then be begun. A competent teacher will thus be able to do incalculable good, while a bad teacher can produce harm in a like degree.—Exchange.

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A tip to gild it in the sun.
The perfumed wind from off the field
Before it enter here must yield
Its burden. Sweetest meadow flowers
Send never greeting to these bowers.
Young morn not yet has sprung with might
To cast thus deep his lance of light.
To moon and star is still unrolled
The mystery of these wizards old.
Ages uncounted shroud this art,
Time and the silence of God's heart.
—John Vance Cheney in Critic.

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How an Inveterate Smoker Was Cured of the Tobacco Habit.

"Yes," he said to The Tobacco Journal, "I quit smoking nearly a year ago and haven't even taken a single puff since."

"It must be considerable of a struggle for a man who has been in the habit of smoking a good deal," said the man who never had tried to stop, but was always promising himself that some day he would.

"I had smoked for over 20 years," said the man who had quit.

"Yes, I know it," returned the man who never had tried. "That's what surprises me in your case. It must have required a good deal of nerve and self control."

"Not at all; not at all; merely judgment."

"Judgment?"

"Precisely. It's very simple when you know how."

"Why, I've always understood that a man went through all kinds of torture and only hung to his determination by the very greatest exhibition of will power."

"When he doesn't understand or grasp the proper method, yes," said the man who had quit. "But if he exercises a little judgment and common sense it is the easiest thing in the world. Now, I didn't go off by myself and make a solemn vow that I never would smoke again and then stop right short off."

"Limited yourself, I suppose, and graded down."

"Not a bit of it. That's where all the struggle and the fight come in. I didn't undertake to put any limit on my smoking, and I made it a point for several weeks to keep a box of cigars open on my desk at home, only"—

"Yes."

"I let my wife buy them."

"Ah! I begin to understand."

"I gave her the money that I usually spent for cigars and told her that she was a better bargain hunter than I and would naturally be entitled to anything that she could save out of my cigar money. Of course she was delighted."

"That was to be expected."

"Three days later I was sick, and the smell of cigar smoke soon became nauseating to me. I never could stand poor cigars, you know. I quit smoking from choice inside of a week."

Armed For Emergencies.

When Fridtjof Nansen was a young student, he attended a ball and danced with many partners. Returning long after midnight through the streets to his lodgings, he heard loud outcries from a woman who was struggling with two ruffians. In another moment the woman broke away from them and ran toward the spot where Nansen was standing. The two men were close behind her in hot pursuit.

Nansen was an athlete full of courage and vigor and put himself on guard as the men approached. He allowed the woman to pass, but called upon the infuriated pursuers to halt, standing directly in their way and hitting out first at one and then at the other. The ruffians, angered by his unexpected attack, turned resentfully upon the rescuer and would have overpowered him and possibly have murdered him if he had not shown presence of mind. Drawing himself up to his full height and throwing back his coat collar so as to expose the cotillon favors which he had worn during the ball, he sternly asked them if they knew who he was.

The two assailants, awed by his manner and supposing him to be a royal officer, were at once cowed. They apologized roughly for not recognizing him, dropped their arms and sneaked off in the opposite direction from that which the woman had taken.

This incident of Nansen's youth illustrated at once the fearless courage and the readiness of resource which were to characterize his career as an intrepid explorer. —Youth's Companion.

Shaking Hands.

Men shake hands with strangers of their own sex with far greater readiness than do women. Two men, on being presented to one another, will frequently extend the hand in a grasp of greeting which gives opportunity to form a general idea of each other's make up and know whether they are attracted or repulsed. Occasionally there is a man with sufficient good nature and courage to refuse another man's hand without causing offense. There are men who have been so impressed with the discoveries of bacteriology that they maintain handshaking to be the cause of dissemination of disease germs. The bare hand comes in contact with innumerable germs looking for pasturage on some vulnerable spot of our anatomy. A cut or abrasion on the hand leaves a door open for the admission of the enemy. Therefore it is with reason that men argue against promiscuous handshaking out of the home among the men met in business life. Science long ago frowned upon the practice of promiscuous kissing which prevailed among women. Is the ungloved handshake also doomed?—San Francisco Argonaut.

Big Eggs.

In the British museum, London, the museum of the Academy of Science at Paris, the National museum at Vienna and in the several institutions for the advancement of science there may be seen specimens of birds' eggs which are almost as large as a two gallon jug. These eggs were laid by the epiornis, an extinct and gigantic bird of Madagascar.

The Origin of Mr. and Mrs.

In earlier times the ordinary man was simply William or John—that is to say, he had only a Christian name without any kind of "handle" before it or surname after it, says the Philadelphia Record.

Some means of distinguishing one John or William from another John or William became necessary. Nicknames derived from a man's trade or his dwelling place or from some personal peculiarity were tacked on to his Christian name, and plain John became John Smith. As yet there were no "misters" in the land.

Some John Smith accumulated more wealth than the bulk of his fellows—became perhaps a landed proprietor or an employer of hired labor. Then he began to be called in the Norman-French of the day the "maistre" of this place or that, of these workmen or of those.

In time the "maistre," or "maister," as it soon became, got tacked on before his name, and he became Maister Smith and his wife was Maistress Smith.

Gradually the sense of possession was lost sight of, and the title was conferred upon any kind—by mere possession of wealth or holding some position of more or less consideration and importance.

Nice For Nervous People.

A party of Cambridge professors on one occasion undertook, for a scientific object, to penetrate into the depths of a Cornish mine.

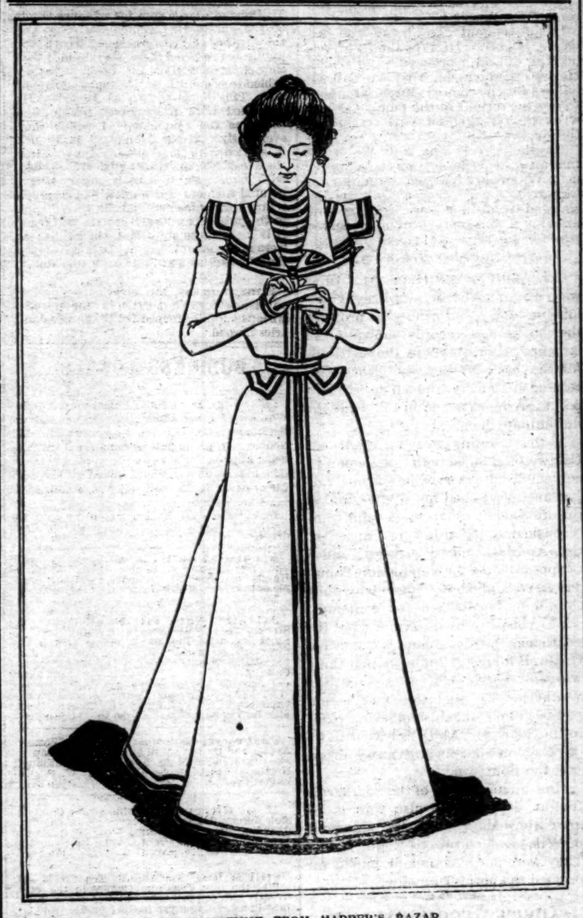
One of the number relates the following startling incident of his visit: On his ascent in the ordinary manner, by means of a bucket and with a miner for a fellow passenger, he perceived, as he thought, unmistakable symptoms of the frailty of the rope.

"How often do you change your ropes, my good man?" he inquired when about half way from the bottom of the awful abyss.

"We change them every three months, sir," replied the man in the bucket, "and we shall change this one tomorrow if we get up safe today, sir."—Pearson's Weekly.

Babies and Brains.

Babies should not be put to sleep on feather pillows. An eminent physician wrote: "The proximate if not the original cause of great mortality among American babies is some malady of the brain. When we suppose death to result from dysentery or cholera infantum, the immediate cause is frequently affection of the brain supervening upon bowel disease. The heads of American babies are for the most part little furnaces."



PARIS COSTUME FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

THE different colors of red are many in number, and all are in fashion this season. Where red is not becoming, a good plan is to have it trimmed with white or black, or both white and black; and if this is brought against the face there is not the same danger of the red seeming a trying color.

A very smart gown, of a dull red cloth, is made on a model that is extremely fashionable this winter. The skirt is the usual medium size, with all the fullness at the back. The waist is exceedingly becoming, made with an effective yoke of white satin trimmed with bands of black braid. Over the tops of the sleeves are epaulettes of white, trimmed with bands of braid, and the belt and collar are of the same. There is no other trimming on the gown, but the black and red and the white give a smart look that makes the gown quite appropriate to small receptions as well as for street wear. It will interest amateur dress-makers to know that a cut tissue-paper pattern of this gown is issued by HARPER'S BAZAR, where it appears. It is a gown which is so much liked that it is sure to appear in different variations for next spring.

Wood Pulp.

A new and efficient machine for grinding a log into paper pulp and producing a superior quality of fiber is described in The Manufacturers' Gazette as having a metallic base, heavy and over an inch thick, pierced with holes throughout its surface, and the inner surface corrugated; within is a heavy cyclinder, the outer surface of which is corrugated, the corrugations running in a direction opposite to the casing. Now, when the cylinder is set in motion and a log of wood is placed between cylinder and casing, the corrugations strip the wood into a soft, fluffy, fibrous material, in appearance nearly like cotton—so nearly like it, in fact, as to be mistaken for that article by the uninitiated. In the final stage of this simple operation the fibrous material is forced through the holes which pierce the casing of the machine.

Buffalo Carp.

We have a fish in the Illinois river which does not feed on anything except vegetable matter, and its name is buffalo carp. This fish in every way is superior to the German carp. The buffalo carp we ship in carload lots to New York in the winter season, and at times they sell at a fair profit to the fisherman. In the summer they are shipped to all parts of the west. We learn that no one in New York except the Jews eat the buffalo carp, but we think if some of the gentiles would try them they would be surprised, as they are a purely vegetable eating fish and exceedingly sweet to the taste.—Beardstown (Ills.) Letter in Fishing Gazette.

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Statement of Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 13th, 1897, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.	
Loans		$587,834 69	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts		68 33	Surplus	$55,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)		55,000 00	Undivided profits	20,404 01 — 75,404 01
Banking House and Fixtures		1,000 00	Circulation	49,800 00
Due from other Banks	$219,586 57		Total Deposits	690,691 58
Cash on hand	68,294 00	—287,692 57		
Total		$940,595 59	Total	$940,595 59

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 15, '95.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, '97.
Surplus and Net Profits	$92,000	$92,400	$75,400
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. jan 1 tf

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Schedule in Effect May 30, 1897.

Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 3:20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:26 P. M., Pembroke 5:46 P. M., Maxton 6:19 P. M., Laurinburg 6:38 P. M., Hamlet 6:53 P. M. Connects at Hamlet with train 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, and with train 409 for Portsmouth, Richmond, washington and points North.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:43 A. M., Raleigh 3:20 P. M., Sanford 6:06 P. M., Hamlet 8:38 P. M., Rockingham 7:39 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:19 P. M., Charlotte 10:35 P. M., Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:30 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 408—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:36 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M. Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2.07 A. M., Sanford 3:35 A. M., Hamlet 5:10 A. M., Rockingham 5:28 A. M., Wadesboro 5:54 A. M. Monroe 6.43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:30 A. M., Shelby 11.18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 P. M., Atlanta 3:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:15 P. M., Monroe 9:30 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M., Lincolnton 6:50 P. M., Charlotte 8.18 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:05 P. M., Hamlet 11:20 P. M., Sanford 1:02 A. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:20 A. M., Richmond 8:16 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M., arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 A. M., arrives Hamlet 7:50 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M., arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 P. M., arrives Hamlet 6:20 P. M.

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Condensed Schedule.

In Effect November 28th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave fayetteville	12 22 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 27 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 37 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 38 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 15 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 26 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 30 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3 DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 35 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave Climax	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur	6 10 "

CONNECTIONS

At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect November 29, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.23 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M. Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 46—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.08 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.40 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.21 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 8.30 A. M., Macon 11.30 A. M., Atlanta 12.55 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.50 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.52 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.46 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.24 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.00 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 4.45 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.45 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 11.59 A. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.18 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 7.00 A. M., Atlanta 8.30 A. M., Macon 9.30 A. M., Augusta 3.05 P. M., Denmark 4.28 P. M., Sumter 8.25 A. M., Florence 10.05 A. M., Marion 10.44 A. M., Chadbourn 11.45 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.16 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.53 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.20 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 8.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.17 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.35 A. M., Dillon 10.47 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 11.02 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.01 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.05 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Conaway 2.10 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.27 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.38 A. M., Manning 9.05 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.35 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.55 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.38 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 2.25 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.15 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.40 P. M., Hartsville 9.35 P. M., Bennettsville 9.36 P. M., Gibson 10.00 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.37 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except sunday at 6.15 A. M., Bennettsville 6.44 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.40 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 6.45 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.30 A. M.; leave Darlington 9.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.25 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3.00 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.30 A. M., Darlington 9.05 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.25 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 P. M., 11.16 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.39 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M., Rowland 6.18 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 11.02 A. M., Fayetteville 12.02 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.05 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M., Selma 1.50 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.00 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.39 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.15 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M.; arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 8.00 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 9.05 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 2.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.25 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

| GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive | GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave | STATIONS. | GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Ar

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 9, 1898

HOUSE DEBATE ON CIVIL SERVICE.

A Discussion Lasting Two Hours---Eulogy to the Memory of the Late Representative Wright.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—The House devoted two hours of the session to-day to the civil service debate, during which Messrs Corliss, Republican, Michigan; Hepburn, Republican, Iowa; and Clarke, Republican New Hampshire, addressed the House in opposition to the law as it now stands. The remainder of the session was consumed by the friends of the late Representative Wright, of Massachusetts in eulogy of his memory.

Mr. Corliss of Michigan, Republican, was the first speaker to-day. He favored radical modifications of the law.

Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, Republican, spoke for an hour against what he termed the popular impression of the co-called merit system. The public, he argued, had been utterly misled by the high sounding phrases of the "reformers." He believed the appointive power and the power of removal should be lodged in the same hands and should be unlimited. Amid a burst of applause from the galleries and floor, he insisted that the political workers were entitled to and should be accorded recognition. If there were to be no reward for the workers, the workers in the future would be more and more loyal to rich contributors, instead of to their party and their country. If the present system continued the influence of rich men in politics would grow steadily. Mr. Hepburn said he knew his frank expressions would earn criticism for him, and it would probably be said that he placed himself on a low political plane, but these were his convictions and he would utter them.

Mr. Clarke, Republican, of New Hampshire, closed the debate for the day with some remarks in favor of modification of the law. He did not care to specify the modification he would make. He was willing to leave that to the judgment of the Civil Service Committee. But "any old thing" was better than the present law. (Laughter.)

At 3 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONEY IN ABUNDANCE.

New York Banks Have Gained Heavily in Cash and Deposits---The Surplus Large.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 8.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, increase $6,475,825; loans, increase $1,995,300; specie, increase $1,857,800; legal tenders, increase $7,250,100; deposits, increase $10,528,300; circulation, increase $64,700. The banks now hold $22,264,575 in excess of the requirements of the law.

The *Financier* says: The conditions outlined in the analysis of the New York bank statement for December 31st indicating an easier money market are reflected in a still more noteworthy degree in the exhibit of the clearing house institutions for the week ending January 8th. The banks have gained heavily in cash and deposits, and the surplus is $6,745,825 larger than seven days ago. The statement includes the dividend period covering the first of the year. What this means is shown in the fact that the clearings for the week in New York exceed one thousand million dollars. The expansion of $10,528,300 in deposits and the gain of $9,107,900 cash represent the payments of interest which have been made. Part of the increase, however, can be attributed to the interior movement, which is bringing $2,000,000 into New York every week. This money was first attracted by the temporary high rates prevailing, but its return from this time on will be a purely normal operation. The reserves of the New York banks for years past have been swelled from January well into the Spring season by interior remittances, the expansion being regulated by current business conditions. There is no reason for believing that this movement will be less now than in former years, and the only inference is that money will be easier. As the trade balance in favor of the United States seems to be growing, it would not be strange if the investments in sterling exchange, now approximating twenty million dollars, were increased. This, however, is dependent solely on the course of money rates abroad. The Bank of England's reserve is the lowest for years, but as a heavy increase is usually made after the beginning of the year, it looks as if money in Europe is following the same course as in the United States. In that case the surplus funds of this country will have to seek domestic channels for employment. It need not be repeated that it will necessitate a most favorable business outlook to absorb the full total of the money now available.

FIRE IN ST. LOUIS.

Large Tobacco Warehouse Burned---Loss 400,000.

Telegram to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, January 8.—Fire broke out in the large tobacco warehouse of Chritian Peppers, at Twelth and Market streets, shortly after 6 o'clock tonight and an hour later the structure was in ruins. The immense building was stored with tobacco but at this hour, 8 o'clock, the amount of the loss and the insurance cannot be learned. It is estimated, however, that the loss will amount to over $400,000.

The fire was caused, it is thought, by spontaneous combustion. There were over 5,000 hogsheads of tobacco stored in the building, of which 1,500 belonged to the Christian Pepper Tobacco Company. The tobacco was probably insured at about 80 per cent. The building cost $75,000. Mr. Pepper said his loss on tobacco will be about $100,000. The loss on commission tobacco will be more than twice that.

It is semi-officially denied in Madrid that Captain-General Blanco has made propoals to the Cuban insurgent leaders. The Cuban Government, it is announced, will admit all those who recognize its legality and make submission to it, but will deal rigorously with foreign adventurers.

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Great Rejoicing at Headquarters Over Having the Necessary Majority to Elect.

OPPOSITION STILL DEFIANT.

They Claim That They Will Win Back the Bolters Before the Balloting Begins---A Hot Time Expected Monday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, January 8.—Senator Hanna thinks to-night that his election is sure. His managers say they see the necessary 73 votes for him; that the tide of popular sentiment will make his vote larger than is necessary next Tuesday.

One week ago to-night the Hanna tickets for the organization of the Legislature were defeated in the Republican caucus. On last Monday the Senate was organized by a vote of 19 to 17 and the House by 56 to 53 against him, a total of 75 to 70 against Hanna. The Senator's managers claim that the standing now is the reverse, and if a ballot was had to-night Hanna would be elected by 75 to 70. The opposition concede the loss of Representative Montgomery only, and claim that they still have votes to spare in defeating him.

During the day bets were posted at the Neill House, ranging from $500 to $5,000, or any parts thereof, even money, on the election of Hanna, and other private wagers were offered, but none were taken. There was $8,000 deposited at the Neill House office for even bets on Hanna and it remained there.

Reports from indignation meetings in the counties to-day and to-night are pouring into the Hanna headquarters. These meetings of the clubs, county committees and other organizations, at which speeches are made and resolutions adopted against Gov. Bushnell, the bolting Republican members and others, will not be continued unless there is a dead-lock next week. Those who have been holding meetings at their homes this week will be here Monday for the general mass meeting that has been called by the Republican State Committee.

The ceremonies for the inauguration of Governor Bushnell occur at noon Monday next and the mass meeting is announced for 2.30 P. M.

The State committee explain that many who will be here on Monday expect to leave on the evening trains and that no later hour could be fixed for the meeting at which strong resolutions will no doubt be adopted against the newly inaugurated Governor, "the bolting" Republican members of the Legislature and others. The clubs that refused to participate in the inauguration will attend the mass meeting in bodies and there are fears of serious collisions on the streets. While it is apprehended that there may be hisses and all sorts of insults to the Governor during the inauguration parade it is known that there have been special arrangements made to protect his Excellency from personal violence. Serious trouble is feared during the inauguration and again during the mass meeting, and especially Monday night after both of these occasions are over. The attendance will be much greater than ever before on an inauguration day. The railways report their incapacity in some places to furnish sufficient cars for all who want to come. The reports indicate that the excursionists are mostly members of Republican clubs and indignant citizens who want to attend the mass meeting.

It is now urged by the resolutions of many indignation meetings that Mr. Kurtz resign as the Ohio member of the Republican National Committee. The indignation goes to the extent of resolutions insisting that Harry C. Mason resign as Speaker, and that all other Republicans elected to legislative offices by the bolting Republicans combining with the Democratic members give up their places or get out of the Republican party.

Speaker Mason called on Senator Hanna to-day and spent two hours in conference. This call was followed by all sorts of rumors, but it is not believed there was any agreement reached between them. There were those who had no authority to speak for Hanna, insisting that Mason would yet be ousted and that the House would be completely reorganized next week.

While the doubtful Republicans seem to be drifting toward the Hanna column, there is still trouble with some of the Democratic members who do not want to vote for a Republican for Senator. It is believed that the Democratic members will hold a joint Senatorial caucus Monday night so as to enforce the unit rule on the Senatorial vote. Unless this is done, it seems certain that no one except Hanna can be elected on the first ballot.

It was announced weeks ago that there would be a conference here this afternoon of representative Democrats from all parts of the State on a proposed plan for a new departure or re-organization of the party. There were over one hundred present, but the conference adjourned without definite action because of a contest over the resolutions as to who was entitled to vote at primaries.

Hanna's managers gave out a signed statement to-night from Representative Griffith to the effect that he will support Hanna. As this statement gives the Hanna men on their claims 73 votes on record in writing, there is great rejoicing at their headquarters to-night over having the necessary majority.

At the headquarters of the opposition they say they still have a majority over all and that they will yet have Griffith and Manuel back before the balloting begins next Tuesday.

ARKANSAS LYNCHINGS.

Four Colored Men---Two Were Rapists and Two Murderers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., January 8.—Four colored men have been lynched in the vicinity of Rearden, Ark., within the last few days. Two were rapists and two murderers. The ravishers, Devoe and Huntley, were swung up near Harlow Mill ranch, about three miles north of Rearden, while the murderers met their fate near the town of Little Bay, a few miles south of Rearden. The work was done by two separate mobs, and according to reports from Fordyce, near the scene of the quadruple lynching created but little excitement.

Mrs. Paine, the victim of the rapists, was a respectable white woman 80 years of age. She was prostrated by the excitement caused by the assault, and only recovered after a long illness.

Six lives are supposed to have been lost by an explosion, probably of dust or gas, yesterday, in shaft No. 5 of the Mt. Carmel company mine, six and a half miles south of Pittsburg.

COTTON FARMERS SHOULD ORGANIZE.

Address Delivered at a Large Meeting of Planters Held in Charlotte.

TO POOL THEIR PRODUCT.

An Outline of the Plan Devised for Handling the rop for Cthe Benefit of Producers of the Fleecy Staple.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 8.—Mr. A. R. Logie, formerly of Bridgeport, Conn., now engaged in extensive farming operations in this State, addressed a large gathering of farmers and cotton growers here to-day. Mr. Logie advanced an argument for an organization of all cotton farmers on the basis of a common end for a common good, pooling the entire product and pro-rating by usual dividend methods the earnings of the association. The argument provides for organization by first nominating a congress of representative cotton farmers, who shall af er due deliberation and consideration, formulate a constitution and by-laws for the establishing of an agency to consist of a central board of control to be made up of a commission from each State with president and vice president. Each State to be a chapter of the whole, and under the management of a supervisor, be districted, with points of receipt and distribution, warehouses, etc.

All the States are to be under one form of business management for buying, selling, grading, making, weighing, accounting, etc., and all to be under the direction of the central board of control. A system of independent auxiliary banks under special State charter authorized to issue scrip or promissory notes based on the amount of cotton hypothecated for advances, the association to issue warehouse receipts to the farmer for, say four-fifths of the selling price determined by the central board which shall alone have authority to fix the annual selling price and which shall be strictly maintained throughout the year—the bank to cash the farmer's warehouse receipt and the cotton bills when sold by the association, shall specify that the remittance shall be made to the bank which shall reimburse itself for advances and the commissions agreed upon and hold the balance due to the association as its trustee. Said balances shall constitute a contingent or reserve fund for the operating expenses of the association and at the end of the year after all obligations are discharged due by the association, then any balances on hand in banks shall be declared an earning and pro-rated to all the farmers according to the amount of cotton sold by each. All the cotton shall be bought at the advance price to the farmer of, say, eight cents and sold at, say, ten cents to provide a sum sufficient to cover all operating expenses and allow for the distribution of any unnecessary surplus remaining after all buying wants are supplied, the handling of the crop to be guaranteed to the auxiliary banks and an annual accounting to be made by the central board of the year's transactions. Only farmers shall be eligible as stockholders of the bank and all clerks and officers of the association are to be selected from among the ranks of the farmers as far as possible. The argument claims that the organization will be distinctively one of white men, as the land owners can make contracts with irresponsible tenants and croppers, compelling them to sell and deliver to the association as a crop condition. The speaker dwelt on the ineffectiveness of partial measures, insisting that the means should be equal to the end to be gained and appealed to the self interest and patriotism of his constituents to start a movement of the farmers and for the farmers and by the farmers. He characterized the cotton exchange as a national curse; he deplored the conditions caused by outside capital control, and painted a glowing picture of the South's rehabilitation as it would be with a profitable price for cotton. He confessed that as the evil of the present system had taken such a firm hold, as the undertaking was so enormous and the discouragements so formidable, that little short of divine inspiration would kindle the hope of a successful commencement of a farmer's crusade against the ills that now beset them. It is truly a gigantic undertaking and may stagger the stoutest and bravest, but as something should be done to relieve the present situation and make it possible for the farmer to get a fair return for his labor we devoutly hope that God will speed the day of his deliverance.

JACKSON DAY IN CHICAGO.

Celebrated by a Host of Democrats With a Banquet at Which Hon. Wm. J. Bryan Was a Guest.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, January 8.—A host of Democrats, quite a number of them from Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin, celebrated Jackson Day by a banquet at the Tremont House this evening.

Hon. William J. Bryan was the principal guest. He reached Chicago from Lincoln this morning, being met at the depot by National Committeeman Gahan and others selected to welcome him. For an hour or so prior to the feaft, Mr. Bryan held a reception in the hotel parlors and shook hands with a large number of callers. Nearly five hundred were seated at the banquet. Mayor Harrison presided and acted as toastmaster.

Mr. Bryan was received with cheers when introduced, and made an eloquent speech. He said: "It is especially fitting that at this time the American people should recall the name of Andrew Jackson and gather inspiration and encouragement from his public career. We are engaged to-day in a contest very similar to that in which he played so conspicuous and honorable a part. During his term of office the national bank attempted to overawe the representatives of the people and control the government. He grappled with it and overthrew it. Arrayed against him were the very classes which have forced a continuance of the gold standard in the United States in spite of an almost unanimous protest of the people—the same classes which are now trying to coerce the government into surrender of the sovereign right to control the money of the country."

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SPAIN VERY SICK.

Is Now Willing for the United States to Use Its Good Offices.

A WASHINGTON REPORT.

May Cause a Revolution at Home, But Officials Admit That the Plan is Being Seriously Considered---Spanish Rule in Cuba Almost at an End.

CHICAGO, January 6.—A special to the *Tribune* from Washington says Spain is considering a formal request to the United States to use its good offices to stop the fighting in Cuba.

Intimations have been received at the State Department that the Sagasta government had become convinced that the only way to save Cuba was to accept the often proffered good offices of the United States. Canovas repeatedly replied to President Cleveland declining these good offices, and Sagasta did the same last November. Now the Prime Minister has become completely disheartened over the evident failure of autonomy.

All efforts of Spain to bribe the subordinate of Gomez to surrender on the basis of home rule have proven futile. Blanco has completely failed in his efforts to open up communication with the insurgents, and Pando has likewise been defeated in the field. The Spanish minister now feels that the only thing left is to accept the good offices of Uncle Sam in spite of the humiliation involved. They hesitate only because they feel that a public announcement of this fact would result in a revolution in Spain.

Secret negotiations with the state department are now actually in progress. The Spanish government has lost the confidence of the loyalists in Cuba, and it recognizes the fact that the island itself is lost entirely unless this country will, at this late day, negotiate with the insurgents for some basis of peace.

The Spanish propose that the United States should propose to the insurgents an actual armistice pending negotiations for peace on the basis of American guarantees of home rule, or even of independence on a money consideration.

While no such formal proposition has been made by Minister De Lome, the State Department has been given to understand that only the fear of revolution in Spain stands in the way now of accepting the friendly offices of the United States, which have been rejected so often. It has been even intimated that if this country sees fit on its motion to open up communication with the insurgents, Spain will not throw any obstacles in the way. Any such move would be a practical recognition of the insurgents as belligerents, but things have reached such a crisis in Cuba that even this contingency must be faced.

It is understood that the Cuban republic will insist on formal recognition before undertaking any negotiations with the United States, claiming that it cannot treat with a power which regards it only as an organized conspiracy of riot and piracy. The situation is critical in Cuba, and the frequent visits of the Spanish minister to the State Department are a sufficient indication that the Spanish Empire in Cuba is almost at an end.

Officials here are inclined to the belief that the public announcement of the acceptance of this country as a mediator will result in instant revolution in Spain, but they admit it is the last hope, and is being seriously considered.

FREE SILVER MEN IN CONFERENCE.

To Devise Plans for Holding Forces Together for the Congressional Campaign.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 8.—Leaders of the various parties advocating the free coinage of silver were in conference in the Capitol to-day. The first meeting was held in the committee room of Senator Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and there were present, in addition to Senator Jones, Senator Butler of North Carolina, chairman of the National Committee of the Populist party; Hon. A. P. Towne, chairman of the National Committee of the Silver Republican party; Senator White, Congressman Bailey and Hon. Marcus Dailey, Democrats; Senators Teller, Pettigrew, Cannon and Mantle, and Representative Hartman, Silver Republican, and Senator Allen, Populist.

Later in the day there was another conference in which the Democrats did not participate.

The meeting was not final and no authorized statement was made of the proceedings beyond the announcement that the meeting was merely incidental to Mr. Towne's visit to Washington. It is understood, however, that the principal subject discussed was the devising of a plan for holding the silver forces together for the Congressional campaign, next Fall, and that while no absolute conclusion was reached it was decided that the local silver leaders of whatever party affiliation should be advised of the conviction of the national leaders of the necessity of maintaining a solid front against the Republican party, as the organized advocate of the policy of maintaining the gold standard. The chairmen of the various parties are said to be agreed as to the wisdom and importance of concerted action.

DESTITUTE CUBANS.

Appeal for Relief Issued by Secretary Sherman.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 8.—Secretary of State Sherman, by direction of the President, to-day issued an appeal for the relief of the destitute in Cuba. The President has appointed, with the co-operation of the American Red Cross, the New York Chamber of Commerce, and one of the leading representatives of the religious community, a central Cuban Relief Committee, with headquarters in New York city, composed of the following members: Stephen E. Barton, chairman, second vice president of the American National Red Cross; Chas. A. Schieren, treasurer, a member of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and Louis Klopsch, proprietor of the *Christian Herald*.

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THEY REFUSED TO TESTIFY.

Col. Andrews and Other Officials of the Southern Before the Railroad Commissioners.

ADJUDGED TO BE IN CONTEMPT

Gov. Russell Declines to Talk of His Trip to Washington---The State Library---Hospital Building at the Raleigh Y. M. C. A.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 8.

Mr. Wm. Snellings, a well-known citizen of Raleigh, is threatened with paralysis. He was taken suddenly ill last night.

Governor Russell declines to talk of his trip to Washington. He came back with a new white hat.

It is said that the railroads in the State are now issuing passes to public officers, and that they are given in consideration of services rendered.

Col. A. B. Andrews arrived in the city this morning in time to appear before the Railway Commission.

The State Library will be opened nights. The Library Board will meet to-night or early next week and Librarian Cobb's duties will be increased. A new system of indexing books will likely be adopted. Governor Russell has delegated Maj. J. E. Alexander to represent him at the meeting. There is a $500 appropriation made by the General Assembly and this will be expended for the purchase of new books.

The hospital building at the A. & M. College is nearly completed, and will be occupied in less than a month. It will be one of the handsomest buildings on the campus. The building will cost $500. Mrs. Carroll, the matron, will be in charge. Later some one will be elected to take charge and control the hospital.

Business agent Parker, of the Alliance, is here. He says the factory is turning out large quantities of shoes. He says the demand from the sub-Alliances for the shoes more than consumes the output of the factory. Next week travelling men will be put on the road.

Auditor Ayer was told yesterday that a Confederate prisoner in a county near Wake shot his own hand during the war to escape service, and was discharged from the army. He is now drawing a pension for wounds received while in the service of the State.

[*Special Star Telegram*]

Col. Andrews and Henry W. Miller were examined by the Railway Commission to-day, but refused to produce the books and records showing the issuance of free passes by the Southern for the past three years. They also refused to answer questions on this point, giving as a reason that it might incriminate them.

At the morning session, Chairman Caldwell adjudged both gentlemen in contempt, but reserved judgment. Adjournment was had for dinner, and at the afternoon session the commission reconsidered its orders of contempt. Col. Andrews and Miller were notified to appear before the commission Thursday next, and show cause why they should not be attached for contempt.

Dr. Abbott refused to vote to put the gentlemen in contempt. Chairman Caldwell told Col. Andrews that there was no discrimination against the Southern. He said the same action had been taken against other railroads in the State. Dr. Abbott says he knows of no action taken against any railroad save the Southern.

Munson and Potts, of the Southern's freight department, also refused to give information about the shipment of Wilson's furniture to Round Knob. They were put in contempt, and again ordered to appear Thursday.

ADVICES FROM HAVANA.

Consul General Lee Denies the Rumor of a Conference with General Gomez.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, January 8.—The correspondent of the Associated Press was told by U. S. Consul General Lee today that he heard the rumor that he (General Lee) was to accompany Captain General Blanco when the latter took the field and that a conference was to be held with General Maximo Gomez, but that he had not received any instructions on the subject from his government.

The Madrid Government has opened a credit of $40,000,000 for the expenses of the war until the end of May.

El Pais says that the visit of inspection to the municipality of Cienfuegos has disclosed a shortage in the cash of $124,000.

The Conservative authorities have been dismissed from office, the paper says, and Autonomists have been appointed to fill their posts ad interim. Advices received from Puerto Principe at Spanish headquarters, say that Joaquin Quiros, has surrendered to the authorities.

NEW YORK, January 8.—Dr. Danquin Castillo, one of the leaders of the Cuban Junta here and who is said to have been connected with several filibustering expeditions, returned to-day on the Ward Line steamer Niagara after a successful incursion into Cuba. Dr. Castillo refused to say on what ship he reached Cuba, but said that he landed nine miles east of Manati bay on November 1st last after being fired upon by the Spanish fort.

"In our party," said Dr. Castillo, "was Justo Garcia, a son of General Garcia, who had escaped from the Spanish penal colony at Ceuta, off Africa. After we had landed we were joined by Col. Garcia, eldest son of the General, who had with him eight hundred insurgents. The insurgents are well fed, well armed and supplied with plenty of ammunition. The troops are disciplined and confident of success." Dr. Castillo maintained that the killing of Col. Ruiz was perfectly justifiable.

The close of the week find the New York dry goods market in a thoroughly unsettled state. The sales in all cotton lines have been unsatisfactory. Although the woollen goods division is well sustained, the general market shows poor results on the whole.

Marshall Chadwick, a suspected murderer, was taken from jail by a mob at Colfax, Wash., yesterday and hanged to the west hall of the court house.

A tow boat blew up while going down the Ohio river, near Glenfield, Pa., yesterday morning, and so far as is known six of the crew were killed and at least four others injured.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Half-Breed Indians Lynched by Settlers for Murder and Outrage.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WICHITA, KAN., Jan. 8.—A message from the telegraph operator at Earlboro, O. T., at 8.45 to-night says that yesterday afternoon a mob of thirty white settlers chained Lincoln McGelsy and another Seminole half-breed to a tree near Maud postoffice, Seminole nation, and burned them to death for the murder and outrage of Mrs. Frank Leard, whose husband cultivates land leased from the Seminoles. McGelsy and his companion were stretched up to a tree by a party organized for the purpose and confessed to the murder of Mrs. Leard. They implicated three other Seminoles in the murder, and squads of white settlers are hunting them throughout the country around Maud, declaring that the burned bodies of McGelsy and his confederates shall not be removed from the tree until the others are caught and pay the same penalty for the brutal murder.

WARM WIRELETS

The French cruiser Pascal has sailed from Toulon to reinforce the French fleet in Chinese waters.

A Pekin dispatch says the Chinese universally resent the Government's concessions to Germany.

Authority has been granted for the organization of the Blue Ridge National Bank, of Ashville, N. C., capital $100,000.

Major Moses P. Handy died at noon yesterday at Augusta, Ga. The remains will be taken to Berlin, Maryland, for burial.

Fourth class postmasters were appointed yesterday in North Carolina as follows: Weldon, John H. Howard; Vanceyville, D. T. McKinney.

A Puzzled Author.

The San Francisco Argonaut tells an amusing story about Alphonse Daudet. When he brought out "Sappho," an American publishing house that issues religious books, not knowing its character, offered M. Daudet a large sum for advance sheets of the work. He accepted the offer, and the advance sheets were sent. When the publishers received them, they decided that they could not issue the book, and they cabled to the author, "'Sappho' will not do." This dispatch puzzled Daudet. He consulted with numbers of friends, and this was the conclusion at which they eventually arrived: "Sappho" in French is spelled with one "p"—"Sapho," after the Greek fashion. In English it is spelled with two. An unusually acute friend pointed this out to Daudet, which much relieved the novelist, and he cabled back to the publishers, "Spell it with two p's." It is needless to state that the publishers were more astonished at Daudet's reply than he had been at their cable dispatch.

Strange to say, the bicycle now forms no inconsiderable portion of the miscellaneous supplies forwarded to the missionaries abroad.

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Atlantic National Bank—Notice to Stockholders.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held in the director's room of the Bank, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1898, at 11 o'clock, A. M. W. J. Toomer, Cashier. jan 9 2t

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